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	3. In any event, a concerted attempt to collect our claim could prove very costly. Normally, if the Government goes into court when the negligence is 50-50, the Government's chances of losing are about 60-10, simply because of the average juror's knowledge of the Government's solvency. Consequently, instead of collecting \$33.59, the Government could lose the case.	
	hole" this case. Pressing the claim in Baltimore would require many man hours and the possibility of loss seems to out-weigh the need for further action in this case. If suit is filed by the other party, it would be necessary to defend the Covernment through the Department of Justice. In the meantime, however, inaction appears advisable.	. h
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